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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown, Chief Section of Administration Office of Proceedings Surface Transportation Board 395 East Street, SW Washington, DC 20423-0001

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Dear Ms. Brown:

SUBJECT: Proposed Mid-Michigan Railroad, Inc. Abandonment Exemption in Muskegon County, Michigan - STB Docket No. AB-364 (Sub-No. 16X)

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment (DNRE) hereby respectfully requests a 180-day extension of the railbanking period provided by your Decision of May 19, 2009. The DNRE further requests the expansion of the request to include the entire 3.35 mile rail line in Muskegon County, Michigan, between milepost 191.40 and milepost 194.75 (a map depicting the right-of-way is enclosed). The DNRE and Mid-Michigan Railroad, Inc. are continuing negotiations towards an agreement and expect to complete an agreement within 180 days.

If you have additional questions, you may contact Mr. Roger Storm, DNRE Trailway Acquisition Specialist, at 517-335-3258, or at P.O. Box 30448, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7948.

Sincerely,

James Radabaugh, State Trails Coordinator

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517-373-1276

Enclosure

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